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Continued Examination (RCE)
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<i>Application Number</i>	09/474,114
<i>Filing Date</i>	December 29, 1999
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Karl W. Haider
<i>Art Unit</i>	1711
<i>Examiner Name</i>	R. A. Sergent
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	Mo5457/MD96-52-PU

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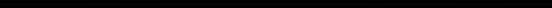
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KARL W. HAIDER ET AL

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FILED: DECEMBER 29, 1999

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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Sirs:

This response is filed with a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 in the above-captioned matter. Applicants contend that the instant RCE is proper because it is filed after the filing of a Notice of Appeal but prior to a decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. Applicants respectfully request that the Office withdraw the finality of the Notice of Appeal mailed August 20, 2003 to permit entry and consideration of the instant amendment.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. the fee has been calculated as shown below:

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